

Remarks

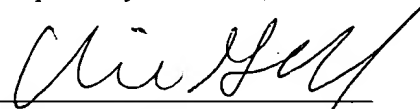
In the Action dated October 1, 1999, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to an isolated microbial cell, classified in class 435, subclass 252.3.
- II. Claims 30-35, drawn to a method of vaccination, classified in class 424, subclass 200.1.

Applicants elect Group II consisting of Claims 30-35 without traverse and respectfully request that the application be examined on the merits. Further, Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to further prosecute non-elected groups.

Should any questions arise or if Applicants' attorney can facilitate the examination of this application, it is respectfully requested that the PTO contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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